

**Remarks/Arguments:**

Claims 1-4, 7-11, 14, 15 and 18-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sakakibara (U.S. 4,900,902). Furthermore, claim 5 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakakibara in view of Fujiki (U.S. 6,542,254). Claims 6, 12, 13, 16 and 17 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to include all the features of claims 4 and 6. Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to be dependent from claim 1. Thus, claims 2, 3, 5, 6 and 18 are allowable by virtue of their dependency on an allowable independent claim. Claims 4 and 6 have been cancelled. Regarding claim 8, this claim has been amended to include the features of claims 10 and 12. Claim 14 has been amended to depend from claim 8. Claims 10 and 12 have been cancelled.

Regarding claim 9, this claim has been amended to include the features of claims 11 and 13. Claim 15 has been amended to depend from amended claim 9.

Claims 21 and 22 are newly added. Claim 21 corresponds to original claims 8, 10 and 16. Claim 22 corresponds to original claim 14. Claim 16 has been cancelled.

Claim 23 is newly added. Claim 23 corresponds to original claims 9, 11 and 17. Claim 24 corresponds to original claim 15. Claim 17 has been cancelled.

Claims 25 and 26 are newly added. Claim 25 includes some similarities to original claims 1 and 4. In addition, Applicants' invention, as recited by claim 25, includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, namely:

... a data format transform unit for automatically transforming data into an applicable data format if the data received in said facsimile apparatus is not accessible to the memory card ...

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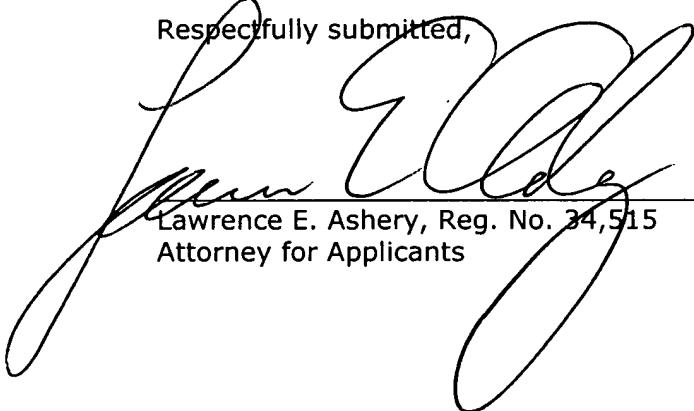
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This feature is supported by the originally filed application at page 13, line 22 through page 14, line 2. No new matter has been added. Allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Claims 27-31 are newly added. These claims are method claims which correspond to several of Applicants' apparatus claims.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above identified application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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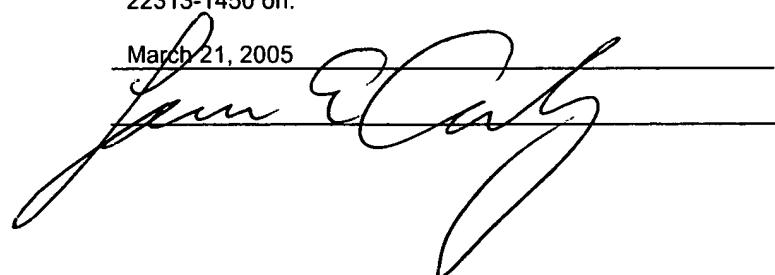
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